

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1016

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A RESOLUTION commending the 2008 NDA National Dance
Champion Arlington High School dance team.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent competitive exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington High School dance team is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and artistic stature in the world of high school dance competition; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington High School dance team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007-2008 season, the pinnacle of which was their capture of two 2008 National Dance Alliance (NDA) National Dance Championships, one each in the divisions of Medium Varsity Hip Hop and Medium Varsity Pom; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in Orlando, Florida, on February 28, 2008, the Tiger Dance Team duly impressed the judges with their performances in the Hip Hop and Pom preliminary rounds on March 1, earning top marks in both categories and catapulting themselves into the final rounds, held on March 2; and

WHEREAS, dazzling crowds with their strength and grace, the team members showcased their passion for dance, while duly impressing the judges with two outstanding performances, for which the team was awarded first place twice over; and

WHEREAS, eight members of the dance team were part of the 2007 NDA National Champion Team of 2007; their leadership and guidance enabled the newcomers to the team to rise to the high standards of this juggernaut of a team; and

WHEREAS, their performance in Orlando was the latest peak in an already successful season, one which included the capture of first place in the Home Routine at UDA camp, the

Superior Trophy at summer camp, first place in the Pom category at the St. Jude Cheer for Kids competition, and first place and the Best Choreography Award for the Hip Hop routine at the Rocky Top Challenge Competition at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington squad benefited greatly from the inspirational leadership of sponsor Jennifer Levi and the astute teaching ability and guidance of coach Lisa Powers; and

WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 Tiger Dance Team is comprised of seniors Abigail Davis, Kimberly Callahan, Chelsea Forsman, Madison Pryor, Taylor Rogoish, and Lisa Virdure; junior Desireé Howry; sophomores Alexis Anderson and Lacey Thron; freshmen Chelsea Dunelew, Cecily Gilmore, Whitney Payne, Lauren Scarbrough, and Sandra Villamil; and alternates Lyndsey Bruce, a junior, Tierney Smith, a freshman, and Jasmine Steele, a junior; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington High School dance team epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship dance season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Arlington High School dance team for their outstanding performance throughout the 2007-2008 season and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and applaud coach Lisa Powers, sponsor Jennifer Levi, and the members of the Arlington High School Tiger Dance Team on their capture of the 2008 NDA National Dance Championships in the categories of Medium Varsity Hip Hop and Medium Varsity Pom and extend to them our very best wishes for their continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

